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1. The 1955 plan for production and import of nonferrous metals was considerably modified during June 1955. Imports of seven important metals (copper, lead, bronze, nickel, magnesium, mercury, and chrome nickel wire) were reduced, while those of aluminum, zinc, and solder metal were increased, all at the insistence of the Russian authorities. In an attempt to offset the reductions in imports, targets for home production of copper, lead, bronze, and nickel were raised, and an effort made to secure some copper from China. Imports of pure tin, cadmium, and cobalt were also scaled down to some extent, because it was believed that the reserves were sufficient to warrant it. 25X1
2. Details of these changes and their net effect on the 1955 plan are as follows (in metric tons):

Metal	Imports		East German production		+ or - on original plan
	Reduction	Increase	Reduction	Increase	
Copper	3,670	200(a)	-	1,500(b)	- 1,970
Lead	2,800	-	-	1,600(c)	- 1,200
Bronze	2,000	-	-	1,000(d)	- 1,000
Nickel	50	-	-	90(e)	+ 40
Aluminum	-	2,800(f)	-	-	+ 2,800
Zinc	-	2,000(g)	(expected, amount not known)	-	?
White metal (80%)	-	-	100	-	- 100
Magnesium	450	-	-	-	+ 450
Chrome nickel wire	11	-	-	-	- 11

(a) from China, all copper strip to be allotted to VEB Sprengstoff und Zündmittelwerk, Schoenebeck/Elbe.

(b) from Mansfeld all in ingots to offset surplus delivery of wire by USSR

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- (c) from Freiburg
- (d) from B.H.M.W.¹
- (e) from Aue
- (f) 2,013 tons from USSR, 787 tons from Hungary, latter in sheet
(2 m. x 1 m. x 0.6 mm) of bars
- (g) from USSR and Rumania

3. The following are detailed figures showing the revised plan and actual production and imports of nonferrous metals as of 30 June 1955:

Metal	1955 Plan		Actual Import and Production as of	
	East German	Imports	30 June 1955	
	Production		Production	Imports
Copper	32,720	13,330	16,288	1,651
Lead	20,452	18,600	9,448	8,250
Aluminum				
(pure, foundry)	27,000	10,012	13,163	6,036
Aluminum	14,800	-	7,722	-
(alloy)				
Bronze	3,350	-	1,954	-
Tin (pure)	225	350	104	157
Tin (crude)	600	-	311	-
Brass	1,900	-	720	-
Zinc (pure)	150	17,500	90	5,471
Zinc (from scrap)	3,000	-	1,208	-
White Metal (80%)	400	-	200	-
White Metal (10%)	1,400	-	763	-
Nickel	100	1,450	50	233
Magnesium	800	1,055	401	227
Antimony	90	-	30	-
Solder	1,200	200	622	-
Type Metal	200	-	90	-
Cadmium	-	65	-	45
Chromium	15	-	2	-
Bismuth	12	-	5	-
Mercury	-	245	-	78
Cobalt	-	45	-	15
Beryllium (in Kg)	-	10	-	-
Selenium	12	5	6	1
Manganese	100	-	50	-
Arsenic	110	-	19	-
Silicon	-	50	-	30

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Metal	1955	Plan	Actual Production and Imports as of 30 June 1955	
	East German Production	Imports	East German Production	Imports
Copper	33,250	200	15,483	-
Lead	2,000	-	1,210	-
Aluminum	26,800	787	13,763	286
Bronze	540	-	235	-
Zinc	1,500	1,000	361	-
Brass	16,060	-	7,200	-
Nickel	225	-	87	-
German silver	420	-	193	-
Chrome nickel wire	-	39	-	14
Tungsten wire and strip	7	2	nk	nk
Molybdenum wire and strip	10	0.6	nk	nk
Tantalum strip	-	0.1	nk	nk

1. Comment: Probably VEB Berliner Metallhuetten -und Halbzeugwerke, Berlin-Niederschoneide.

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